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APPLICANT: Spertini  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/506,978 EXAMINER: P. Huynh, Ph.D.  
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FOR: NOVEL BEE VENOM POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS OF USE  
THEREOF

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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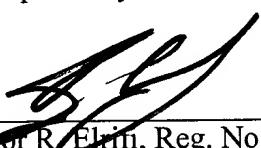
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002. With the extension, a response is due on or before October 23, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 20349-543.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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